

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00542 262328Z

64

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 SAM-01 INT-08 OMB-01 TRSE-00 AID-20 CEQ-02

COA-02 COME-00 EB-11 EPA-04 IO-14 NSF-04 SCI-06

FEA-02 DRC-01 /179 W

----- 046147

R 262244Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2797

UNCLAS OTTAWA 0542

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, CA

SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES QUALITY AGREEMENT

1. WINDSOR STAR RECENTLY PUBLISHED FOLLOWING  
EDITORIAL ON U.S. PERFORMANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF  
THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT

"DESPITE ASSURANCES FROM WASHINGTON, IT IS CLEAR  
THAT THE U.S. IS NOT GOING TO FULFILL ITS TREATY  
COMMITMENT TO CLEAN UP THE GREAT LAKES BY 1976.

"CANADA, WHICH IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND WILL  
MEET ITS COMMITMENT, CAN PROPERLY RESENT THE AMERICAN  
SLOWNESS TO ACT ON THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY  
AGREEMENT SIGNED BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND  
PRESIDENT NIXON TWO YEARS AGO. ALONG WITH THE  
RESENTMENT, THIS COUNTRY SHOULD KEEP PUSHING TO KEEP  
ITS WORD, NO MATTER WHAT THE U.S. DOES.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00542 262328Z

"THE DELAYS IN THE U.S. PROGRAM OF BUILDING

SEWAGE TREATMENT AND PHOSPHATE REMOVAL PLANTS ARE  
BLAMED IN THE U.S. ON TWO FACTORS: THE IMPOUNDING BY  
PRESIDENT NIXON OF FUNDS EARMARKED FOR POLLUTION CONTROL  
BY CONGRESS, AND THE BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION IN WASHINGTON  
OVER HOW AVAILABLE FUNDS ARE TO BE SPENT. THE  
TOTAL EFFECT IS THAT ONLY \$500 MILLION OF THE \$2 BILLION  
REQUIRED FOR THE U.S. SHARE OF THE CLEANUP HAS BEEN SPENT.  
EVEN IF THE REST OF THE MONEY WERE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY,  
THE LONG LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR ANTI-POLLUTION WORK MAKES  
THE 1976 TARGET DATE UNREALISTIC.

"WASHINGTON STILL FEELS THAT THE TARGET CAN BE MET,  
BUT THIS APPEARS LESS AND LESS LIKELY. MANY ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. ARE TAKING SECOND PLACE TO THE ENERGY  
CRISIS AND THE NATIONAL PREOCCUPATION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S  
TROUBLES, AND THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT THE QUALITY  
OF WATER IN THE GREAT LAKES WILL BE THE EXCEPTION.

"WHAT CANADA WOULD WELCOME NOW IS SOME SIGN THAT THE  
U.S. IS WORRYING ABOUT FULFILLING ITS TREATY OBLIGATION  
RATHER THAN TALKING ABOUT IT. IT IS NOT THAT VITAL THAT  
THE U.S. MEET THE TARGET DATE -- TARGETS ARE CASUAL  
THINGS IN MOST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, LARGE OR SMALL.  
BUT SOME INDICATION IN WASHINGTON THAT THE AGREEMENT  
IS MORE THAN A SUBJECT FOR POLITICAL SQUABBLING WOULD  
REASSURE CANADIANS." END TEXT.  
JOHNSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SEWAGE SYSTEM, POLLUTION CONTROL, AGREEMENTS, WATER TREATMENT  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 FEB 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974OTTAWA00542  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** OTTAWA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t1974029/aaaaahuw.tel  
**Line Count:** 88  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** kellerpr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 MAR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 MAR 2002 by elbezefj>; APPROVED <29 APR 2002 by kellerpr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GREAT LAKES QUALITY AGREEMENT  
**TAGS:** SENV, CA, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005